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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended). A planetary gear arrangement comprising:  
three rotatable members, a first of which is a planet carrier assembly member having at least a planet carrier member and a plurality of pinion gear members rotatably mounted on said planet carrier member, a second of said rotatable members being disposed in meshing engagement with at least one of said pinion gear members, a third of said rotatable members being disposed in meshing engagement with at least one of said pinion gear members;

a selectively engageable active friction damper means comprised of a normally disengaged torque transmitting mechanism disposed between and adapted to selectively apply a frictional engagement between at least two of said rotatable members within an individual planetary gear arrangement during a torque reversal through said planetary gear arrangement;

means for selectively activating said active friction damper.

Claim 2. (original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a sun gear member and a ring gear member.

Claim 3. (original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a ring gear member and said planet carrier member.

Claim 4. (original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a sun gear member and said planet carrier member.

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Claim 5. (currently amended) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further comprising:

said means for selectively activating said active friction damper means is engaged in anticipation of a lash change between said rotatable members to minimize lash within said individual planetary gear arrangement prior to a torque reversal associated with a gear change event or other transient driveline disturbance to provide frictional damping and minimize noise..